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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL'S
ALLEGATIONS

REF: MEXICO'S 8699 AND 8700

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT PRESS STATEMENT REPORTEDLY MADE
BY CONSUL GENERAL FERNANDEZ SHOULD NOT PASS UNCHALLENGED.
WE CONCUR IN TEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTED NOTE CON-
TAINED EMBTEL 8700.

2. AS NOTED IN YOUR MESSAGES THIS EPISODE APPEARS TO BE
PART OF GOM GENERAL TACTIC TO INJECT THE ISSUE INTO THE
MEXICAN PRESS, THUS AROUSING MEXICAN PUBLIC EMOTIONS AND
CREATING DOMESTIC PRESSURES WHICH IN TURN ARE APPLIED AS
LEVERAGE ON THE USG FOR A BRACERO AGREEMENT. YOU WILL
RECALL THAT SIMILAR TACTICS WERE USED IN THE MEXICALI AREA
WITH REGARD TO THE SALINITY PROBLEM.

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH RABASA, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU
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POINT OUT THAT:

(A) STATEMENTS IN THE LOCAL PRESS ATTRIBUTED TO GOM REGARDING THE ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF MEXICANS ILLEGALLY IN THE US DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY TO THE EASING OF THE PROBLEM. THIS TYPE OF PUBLICITY GENERATES SIMILAR PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE US WITH CORRESPONDING PRESSURE FOR DRASTIC

USG ACTION TO RECTIFY THE BASIC PROBLEM OF LARGE NUMBERS OF MEXICANS ILLEGALLY IN THIS COUNTRY, INCLUDING PRESSURE TO STEP UP CONTROL AND DEPORTATION. FYI WE REALIZE THAT THE GOM HAS BEEN TOLD THIS BEFORE, BUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE IT IN FORCEFUL TERMS. END FYI

(B) WITH REGARD TO CONSULAR REPRESENTATION, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE NOT YET OCCUPIED OFFICE FACILITIES AT THE THREE INS DETENTION CENTERS WHICH WERE OFFERED TO THE GOM ON JULY 18, 1973.
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